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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: God of all Creation, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

On this day, the people's House concludes its business. Members return to their congressional districts. An election to determine those who would serve this Nation as Members of Congress lies before us all.

There are many energies which divide this House. There are many voices throughout our Nation vying for the attention of any who would listen.

Please bless our Nation and those who leave this Chamber for the oncoming and ongoing campaign. Grant that there be more light than heat, more charity than enmity, more graciousness than ugliness, more wisdom than ignorance. Our great Nation has perished for over two centuries, with many fits and starts, but many triumphs as well.

In the weeks that come, may Your grace descend upon all citizens engaged in the affairs of our time. May we be mindful of needs beyond our own and united in a commitment to work together for a better future for these United States.

Bless us this day and every day, and may all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. SCHAKOWSKY)

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five 1-minute requests on each side of the aisle.

A TIME FOR CHOOSING

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as we enter the final stages of this election cycle, the American people have a choice for change—promoting limited government with expanded freedom or big government with power to politicians. A key issue is job creation.

I support the bipartisan initiatives of John F. Kennedy's and Ronald Reagan's of cutting taxes, which enable the private sector to create jobs. President Obama has enacted failed policies of borrow, tax, and spend, producing 43 months of unemployment of over 8 percent.

New jobs could be created with an all-of-the-above energy policy, but President Obama promised skyrocketing energy costs—doubling gas prices. A better course would be to develop the Keystone pipeline with our number one ally, Canada. The contrast on national defense is clear—that we should stand for peace through strength: Ronald Reagan. President Obama's policies to hollow out our military reveal weakness.

My constituents are heartbroken at the Internet tragedy of our Ambassador to Libya being murdered and his body desecrated by terrorists.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

THE FAILURE OF THE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, later today, the House is scheduled to adjourn for 6 weeks with no plans to come back into session until November.

On behalf of the hardworking Rhode Islanders whom I serve, I rise to express my deep disappointment that the House Republican leadership is choosing to adjourn and to abandon the middle class when so much work is left to be done.

In my home State, nearly 60,000 men and women cannot find work. More than 50,000 homes have mortgages that are under water, but instead of working to pass a comprehensive jobs plan, provide relief to homeowners, or strengthen families by passing the middle class tax cuts, House Republicans want to take the next 6 weeks off.

Today's action by the Republican leadership is a failure of their responsibility to lead, and I urge them to reconsider and agree to remain here and commit to working together in a bipartisan way to address the urgent issues facing our country.

LET'S STAY IN WASHINGTON AND FINISH THE JOB

(Mr. WITTMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, Americans continue to look for work, to put food on the table, and to ensure their

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